The Protestants Joy,

OR THE

RELATION

OF HIS

GRACE

THE

Duke of Monmouth,

His Reception and Congratulation

IN THE

CITY OF LONDON

ON the 29th of *October*, 1680.

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With an Account of his high entertainment, and the general satisfaction that all the loyal Citizens conceived at his Honouring them with his Company.

As also how he was attended by many hundreds of people, with loud Shouts and Acclamations, with many other passages that happened, during the splendid entertainment.

ALthough Popish-Malice to the highest Design that Hell could infuse into the hearts of *Romes* Darling Emissaries did endeavour to Raze or overwhelm the Glories of this Noble and Loyal Peer, yet have all their Contrivances and Designs, fallen short of their intended Aims: for as the

Palm ſtill flouriſheth beneath oppreſſing Weights, and waves her Branches aloft, ſo a noble mind Conquers the greateſt difficulties, and in Adverſity ſhines brighteſt, for proſperity that bane of Virtue, like an Evening Miſt overcaſts the Sun of Honour, and renders it a Beamleſs Globe diveſted of all his golden Rays, and oftentimes like Poyſon ſwells that Soul to ſuch a height of Ambition, that it burſts into a thouſand Vices by acknowledging of no Equality or Limitary bound, but adverſity like ſilent falling ſhowers ſpread through each Demean : For as the Philoſopher affirms, Mans cheifeſt knowledg as to Earthly things conſiſts in knowing of himſelf.

But to let theſe and ſuch like Emblems reſt, and to proceed to our intended Narrative of his Grace the *Duke of Monmouth*'s reception into *Englands* great Metropolis, on the 29 of *October* laſt, it being the day of its Tryumph, for the happy Enjoyment of its new Majeſtrate or Lieutenant under his moſt ſacred Majeſty (whom Heaven long preſerve) The right Honourable the Lord Mayor, his Grace as it is reported by the Cities kind Invitation Accompanyed with ſeveral of the Nobility, between one and two of the Clock of the aforeſaid day, came in his Coach (being ſaluted by moſt if not all that he paſſed by) into *Cheapſide* the principle Street of this famous City, where a lighting he went up into a *Ballcony* near to *Bow*-Church to take a Proſpect of the ſplendid Magnificence ; where no ſooner he appeared, but ſome thouſands flocked as near to the place as it was poſſible for them to get, ſome ſtanding with their Hats off, whilſt others gave loud Shouts, as Signals of Joy, crying, God bleſs his Majeſty and the Duke of *Monmouth*, toſſing up their Hats and Caps, giving ſuch loud Shouts as made the Vaults ſend back their Ecchoes in Rebounds of Joy. In this may the Papiſts plainly diſcerne how generally the People conceive a diſlike and deteſtation of their falſe Abſurdities and unjuſt practiſes. About two of the Clock ſeveral of the Companies Landed, and took their places according to the uſual cuſtom. About three his Lordſhip, accompanied with the Right Worſhipful Sir *Robert Clayton* late Lord Mayor, and his Brethren the Aldermen, with the Sheriffs, and others of the Magiſtracy of this renowned City, Landed at *Black-Friers*-Stairs, being there ſaluted with three Vollies of Shot, by the Noble Company of Artillary ; who waited upon his Lordſhip in Arms, beſides ſeveral Broad-ſides from the

Pleaſure

Pleaſure-Boats that attended on the River of Thames, and taking Horſe, as the uſual manner is, paſſed on to *Guild Hall.* Many learned Speeches being made to his Lordſhip as he paſſed from the Pageants, and moſt eſpecially from that of the *Merchant-Taylors*, of which Company his Lordſhip is Free. After they were paſſed by, his Grace deſcended, and accompanied with many of the Nobility, went to *Guild-Hall*, being followed by a great multitude, with loud ſhouts and acclamations, where being arrived, he was received with that Reſpect that became his Quality.

In the great Ball the ſumptious Table being ſpread, beſides his Grace, the Judges were preſent. The entertainment was magnificent according to the Grandure and Greatneſs of the City, and perſonages to participate the ſame; there being no Coſt ſpared to make it ſplendid for the Entertainment of ſuch noble Gueſt. After Dinner a Health went round to his Majeſty, with all due Reſpect and awful Reverence, the Muſick playing moſt melodiouſly the while; afterwards to ſeveral Peers, and to the good ſucceſs of this Aſſembled Parliament.

Long time continued the Glorious Banquet and Congratulatory ſatisfaction received on all hands, about ten of the Clock at night his Grace took his Leave, and accompanied with ſeveral perſons of Quality, returned home, but although it was ſo late, ſeveral people having notice of his Return, gave the Allarm that the Duke was coming, whereupon a multitude left their Habitations to take a view of him; that the ſtreets were thronged with Spectators, the Crowd ſtill gathering greater, ſurrounded his Coach, till at laſt there were a great number of Links Flambeaus and Torches lighted and about a thouſand People hollowing and Shouting ſo loud that they made the Streets Ring. Thus they Guarded him through the City, and would not return, though his Grace in modeſty deſired them. At *Temple-Bar* the greateſt part left him, but many were ſo deſirous of his Company as to follow him to his own Lodging.

Thus may the Romaniſts behold how Heaven blaſts their utmoſt Rage, and that it is time for them to leave off their Ploting ſince all true and Loyal Subjects of which the greateſt part of the Nation are ſuch Antipodes to their Deſigns.

And though perhaps their Reports might cause his sacred Majesties displeasure to be kindled against him for a season, yet his submission and filial obedience may in time move his Royal Father to pity and compassion; nor can we doubt it, seeing he is all inclinable to Mercy and forgiveness; those Sacred Virtues which the Almighty himself prefers before the Attribntes of his nnbounded Power. That it may so happen, and that he may be still a Terrour (as he heretofore has been) to his King and Countries Foes, let all true Loyal Subjects pray, to him that is the Disposer of all hearts to grant.

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